A multi-donor fund championing just and sustainable food systems that promote the well-being and human rights of small farmers, Indigenous Peoples and their communities, regenerate soil and water, and build resilience in the face of climate change.

Why agroecology?

There is mounting evidence that industrialized agriculture drives climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, producing low-quality food and impoverishing smallholder farmers.

In contrast, smallholder farmers and Indigenous Peoples are leading the way in scaling up agroecology, and are demonstrating consistent success in maintaining healthy biodiverse ecosystems, improved nutrition and yields, and livable incomes.

Yet global funding for agroecology remains limited. Too much public and private funding still supports high-input, fossil fuel-based technological research and practices for supplying a global market that puts investor profit before social and ecological well-being.

What we do

Since 2012, we have worked at the intersection of food sovereignty, biodiversity conservation, and climate justice to support food producers, researchers, and movement builders working across the globe to strengthen agroecology-based food systems.

We pool and grant funds to agroecology movements through a unique participatory process informed by expert advisors and grassroots partners embedded in civil society networks.
Our strategic plan 2022-2026

Shift and leverage significant financial resources towards agroecology: Double our grantmaking as we influence increased funding flows from donor agencies and social impact investors.

Strengthen political and economic systems for agroecology to thrive: Support grassroots collaboratives advocating for food policies that respect climate justice, biodiversity, and human rights.

Co-create and share agroecology knowledge and practices: Support multidisciplinary collaborators in participatory research, grassroots agroecology evidence gathering and dissemination, and knowledge exchange.

Influence the global conversation about hunger and climate change: Support the communications capacities of grantees, and be a powerful voice for agroecological food systems and against threats from industrial agriculture.

Ensure an adequate governance system, human resources and management tools to implement and monitor the strategic plan: Maintain continued sustainability and growth by refining our unique grantmaking, governance, and Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) processes.

Since 2012, we have:

• Grown sharply to include a pool of 40 active donors worldwide.
• Granted over $14.4 million through more than 223 grants to collaborating organizations to advance agroecology in 82 countries.
• Initiated a decentralized agroecology fund in Mexico, and raised seed capital for additional regional funds in India and Africa.
• Addressed food insecurity in the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic by extending grants to 59 grantees around the globe.
• Held 2 global learning exchanges bringing together over 200 grantees, donors, and advisors.
• Co-founded the Transformational Investing in Food Systems (TIFS) initiative to boost impact investment in agroecological enterprises.
• Collaborated with agroecology champions in multilateral and bilateral donor agencies.

And more...

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